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December 06, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 December 6, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CHANGES IN WORK FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
CITY TERRACE AND EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amounts for various public works construction contracts in the unincorporated communities of City Terrace and East Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work will have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and increased contract amounts for the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. RDC0011687 – Harris Avenue, et al., reconstruction of roadway pavement, retaining walls, and a storm drain, in the unincorporated community of City Terrace, for changes related to utility conflict, removing concrete walls, and reconstructing a stairway, with an increase in the contract amount of \$27,400, being performed by Spiess Construction Company Inc.; and
- Project ID No. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project, construction of streetscape improvements, in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles, for changes related to removing and replacing bus shelter footings and removing and installing three banners, with an increase in the contract amount of \$14,144, being performed by Bitech Construction Company, Inc.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the projects from your Board for changes in various public works contracts in support of the timely completion of the projects while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The descriptions of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure for each contract.

The Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your Board's approval are changes in work in excess of the Director's delegated limit, which is required to complete for Project ID Nos. RDC0011687 and RDC0015166.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated change order amounts for these contracts are \$27,400 and \$14,144, respectively.

Project ID Nos. RDC0011687 and RDC0015166 are included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The subject contracts for the construction of public works improvements were awarded by your Board to the apparent responsible contractors with the lowest responsive bids in accordance with the State Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosures do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under each of the respective contracts and result in complete and usable facilities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)
December 6, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011687 – Harris Avenue, et al. (in the unincorporated community of City Terrace), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Spiess Construction Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Reconstruction of roadway pavement, retaining walls, a storm drain, and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Changes in Work:

(1)	Utility conflict	\$10,700.00
(2)	Removal of concrete walls	2,300.00
(3)	Reconstruct a stairway	<u>14,400.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$27,400.00</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) During excavation for a proposed storm drain, the contractor encountered gas and water lines within the storm drain trench. It is necessary to compensate the contractor for standby while the utilities relocate lines.
- (2) During excavation for the new roadway improvements, the contractor encountered buried reinforced concrete walls adjacent to a few houses. It is necessary to remove the interfering portions of the walls in order to construct the roadway improvements.
- (3) It is necessary to reconstruct a portion of a stairway adjacent to 1278 Coates Avenue in order to match the new roadway elevation and provide access to the property. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Items 1 through 3 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Thirteen additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

The project cost will be financed with State Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. The project is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$1,129,058.05
Changes in work previously approved under delegated authority	8,338.84
Changes in work to be approved	<u>27,400.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u>\$1,164,796.89</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	3.2%

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CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE)
December 6, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015166 – Whittier Boulevard Revitalization Project (in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Bitech Construction Company, Inc.

Project Description:

Construction of streetscape improvements.

Changes in Work:

(1)	Remove and replace bus shelters	\$ 7,200.00
(2)	Install three banners	<u>6,944.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$14,144.00</u>

Description of Changes:

- (1) To meet new Americans with Disabilities Act standards, it is necessary to increase the distance for the placement of the bus shelters from the back of the existing curb on the north side of Whittier Boulevard.
- (2) Project sponsors requested the installation of three banners on Whittier Boulevard between Burger Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard. This work was not in the original contract.

The costs for Items 1 and 2 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Two additional working days will be required because of these changes.

Financial Information:

Funding for these changes in work is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

Revised Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$2,150,367.00
Changes in work previously approved by your Board	68,225.00
Changes in work previously approved under delegated authority	6,800.00
Changes in work to be approved	<u>14,144.00</u>
Revised contract amount	<u><u>\$2,239,536.00</u></u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	4.1%

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